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Majority Rule Indispensable to Party Success.

From the letter of the Hon. Alton B. Parker to As semblyman Saunders

I appeal to you and to all loyal Democrats Mr. Sheehan, who has received the majority vote in caucus, should receive the mabrity vote of the members of the Legisla-Any other course is subversive of the principle of majority rule, which is essential in a democracy and which makes possible the success of our party, whose supremacy to-day is to my mind a matter of supreme importance. The array of Mr. Sheehan's friends, who are bound to him not by motives of interest but by the regard and esteem which are manner could ever be. the basis of all true friendship, speak volumes for his election as Senator in compari- The Call of the Highest Himalayas. son with any personal words of mine of unqualified indersement as his partner and

Argentina as a Market.

The exact figures have not yet been reported, but American sales to Argentina last year amounted to about \$42,000,000. Sales in 1908 were \$33.519.955; in 1904. \$20,702,413, and in 1900, \$11,095,538. Few of our foreign customers show a better \$11,000,000, and in 1910 about \$16,000,000, In 1900 Japan bought \$28,500,000 worth of our merchandise, and in 1910 about \$25,000,000 worth. Sales to Europe last year were about what they were ten years ago. The account with Africa shows a decrease in our shipments, and the Oceania account shows a 30 per cent. increase. The Oceania and all Asia accounts in combination show a 20 per cent. increase, while the South American account shows a gain of about 140 per contributor to that increase. The import figures of that country for 1910 are not vet available, but its total imports \$292,000,000 in 1909. The American percentage shows a small gain.

list of our customers for agricultural implements, with 1910 purchases exceednumber of concerns. The sales include some \$5,000,000 worth of lumber, some \$3,000,000 worth of illuminating and lubricating oil, more than \$1,000,000 worth of binding twine, more than \$1,000,000 worth of wire fencing, \$800,000 worth of furniture, most of it for office uses. We also send naval stores, sewing machines, typewriters and a few from \$100,000 to \$700,000 in each line. In worth of textiles, including silk, cotton an insignificant place.

Argentina stands at the head of the

In a report recently published by the Agent WHELPLEY disturbs a theory cherished by many in this country, namely that steel rails and many other home. He cites the case of a call last year for bids for 65,000 tons of rails wanted by the Argentine Government. The American bid was \$30.57 a ton, American gold, with Germany, Belgium price in this country is \$28. Many believe that American rails are sold abroad at a long cut in domestic prices.

The amended Gallinger bill now seems to stand a very slim chance of approval by the present Congress, but the desirability and the importance of a line of first class steamships between this country and the River Plate cannot be overstated. The bill should pass, and our trade in that region should be extended to its proper proportions.

First Performances.

The New York musical season is destined to lack the glory that another first might impart to it. PIETRO MASCAGNI and his managers have fallen out, and the beauties of the unsung "Ysobel, whatever they may be, will not be divulged first to the residents of this city. It is possible, however, after hundred Matterhorns in a row." hearing two so-called "world premiers" (Godwin-Austen) has the configuration during the season, to receive this news with equanimity.

a primary performance. If anybody is Karakorams very much higher than the House. This emotion could not possibly Dr. Longstaff was more emphatic: travel further than the breast of a di-

rector; so the New York public gains nothing from hearing a work before it is performed anywhere else. There are, in fact, disadvantages connected with the production of an opera here before it has been heard elsewhere.

There is in the first place no oppor tunity for the revision that every opera needs. Suppose, for instance, that Madama Butterfly," the most popular work in the list of our opera house to-day, had been given in this city in its original form. Would it ever then have gained the popularity which has since been its fate? Operas are perhaps more subject to change than dramas after they have reached the footlights. Usually a play must stand or fall by its fate at the first production. Operatic works, on the other hand, may be often changed before they acquire the form in which they survive.

that they are as much appreciated here as they are anywhere else in the world.

posers. But that followed in turn, and a slight increase in the pulse. in this way there has been built up for to see to it by your votes and influence that and varied repertory than any other costly; but the rewards, if endeavor amount of annual subscriptions has intheatre in the world possesses

sensationalism and advertising of the have the testimony of Dr. FILIPPI that so-called "world premiers." And that is the Baltis, who are docile, sober and troduction of new works in this latest alpinists.

survey work of the expedition, and Kanchenjungas and Makalu. It is years or more ago. FILIPPI said in his lecture:

ness is due to the energy of a limited high camps, and was the obstacle which frustrated the Duke's one attempt to ascend K-2 by the rocky southeastern arete. Among those who took part in the dis-

cussion following the lecture were Colonel H. H. GODWIN-AUSTEN, who joined the Kashmir survey in 1857, discovered the Baltoro glacier in Baltistan, ascended Mata (20,607) in 1862, and gave his name to the giant that is said to be second in other specialties to a value ranging altitude to Everest; Colonel Sir Francis YOUNGHUSBAND, who was the first Euro-Argentina's imports of nearly \$60,000,000 pean to traverse the Baltoro glacier, on the occasion of a memorable journey and woollens, the United States holds from Pekin to India by way of Chinese Turkestan in 1887; Sir Martin Conway, who surveyed 2,000 miles of mountains Bureau of Manufactures, Commercial in the Himalayas in 1892 and reached an altitude of about 23,000 feet in one of his climbs - Sir Martin has also ascended Sorata (21,500) and Illimani (21,200) in the commodities are sold in South America Bolivian Andes, and Aconcagua (23,080) at prices much below those quoted at on the Chile-Argentina frontier; Dr. home. He cites the case of a call last MARK AUREL STEIN, superintendent of the Indian Archæological Department. who has led several expeditions into Kashmir and western China, and Dr. T. G. LONGSTAFF, one of the youngest and Russia quoting lower rates. The and most famous of contemporary order went to Russia at \$28 a ton. The mountain climbers (being only 35), who among his many feats has ascended Trisul (23,406) in Garhwal Himalaya, was the first European to traverse the Saltoro Pass (18,200), and in 1909 discovered Teram Kangri (27,610). There s no greater connoisseur in mountains if the term is allowable, than Sir MARTIN CONWAY; certainly no alpestrian will appeal from the judgment he pronounce on the Karakorams:

" There is, I think, no part of the world where mountains throng together and finally uplift themselves into so astounding a group of supereminent peaks as do the mountains that surround this knot point of the ranges of Asia. The mountains that surround the head of the Baltoro glader yield to none that any of us have ever performance of a hitherto unsung opera | seen, in precipitance, in boidness of form, in of tiness, and in the way in which they are grouped together. They are beyond question the finest

mountain group in the world." Sir FRANCIS YOUNGHUSBAND once described the Karakorams as like "one of the Matterhorn, and if the resem- Indeed, it is the observation of our blance of others in this Himalayan group It really appears now a doubtful to the imposing Swiss Alp is not as art may be displayed within the area of musical advantage to be the scene of striking, there must be a hundred of the a few square rods. gratified by making the citizens of Paris Matterhorn. As an expert mountain or Rome jealous of the fact that an climber Sir Martin Conway was sceptiopera is sung for the first time here, cal about the ability of any expedition, there may be a definite value in such however well led and organized, to gain a policy for the Metropolitan Opera the summit of one of the seven giants.

Karakorams. There does not appear to me to be against the Government in the disarmthe slightest chance of success."

With a varied and at times perilous experience in the Alps, Caucasus and Canadian Rockies, as well as in the that the natives expected a flogging to you had a pole long enough you could fish lines. The sights, sounds and even the Himelayas, Dr. Longstaff pronounced make them reversely hidden arms. In the from the windows; but there was no salmon smells of this part of the town were, to me Himalayas, Dr. Longstaff pronounced make them reveal hidden arms. In the the attainment of Bride Peak, which specific instance of the witnesses in the the Duke of the ABRUZZI fell short of case of RIZA NUR the Cabinet at first by only 500 feet, to be impracticable. Referring to the great corniced snow ridge that interposed a menacing barrier to further progress, Dr. Longstaff said asters that have made the Lyskamm so indicate an entire change of sentiment, or notorious in the Alps; it is a danger that in insisting upon the prohibition of torture no sane mountaineer would dream of granted by the Constitution it may indiencountering."

The vast "field of mountains" where the Duke of the ABRUZZI won new laurels is after all but little explored. Then there is the opportunity to form Dr. FILIPPI says that "the topography an accurate judgment of a work pre- of regions to the east and southeast of viously sung without the glamour that the Baltoro district is very intricate" may come from the presence of the com- and that it is not yet possible "even to and the contributions of private individposer and without the other ceremonies sketch the chains and valleys which lie uals. Though the Mayor of Boston is that seem inevitable when a first per- between the Godwin-Austen glacier and ex officio a trustee and the city and the formance is celebrated. For many years the upper Siachen glacier." Apparently New York took one operatic novelty after high altitudes in that part of the world on the board, the only aid the museum another into its liking. It digested the do not produce the depressing and diswhole Wagner repertory and has in later abling effects upon the heart and head years assimilated the writings of some that would be expected. "As far as of the young Italian school so thoroughly 24,600 feet the pace," said Dr. FILIPPI, take an interest in the latest French com- recorded being shortness of breath and only with the administrative and business

The Karakorams are calling to the

Of Skating.

After dinner of a bright winter eve It seemed to be the opinion of the dis- ning, when the boisterous young people tinguished alpestrians who discussed have departed with much superfluous Dr. FILIPPO DE FILIPPI'S lecture before shouting and laughing and jangling the Royal Geographical Society upon the of skates under mother's chaperonage. expedition of the Duke of the ABRUZZI to and one is alone before the crackling the Karakoram Himalayas that the con- wood fire, it is time for a comfortable quest of the highest peaks would always pipe and a good book. Curious how be a hopeless enterprise. If the Duke, these winter parties put one in mind of encountering an impassable corniced old scenes. No modern high pressure snow ridge, failed to plant his flag upon novel will fit this mood; rather some the summit of the Bride Peak, he reached dogeared crony in one's private bookrecord. Sales to China in 1900 were an altitude of 24,000 feet, which stands ery. Perhaps nothing will attune betas a record; moreover the photographic | ter with mellow reminiscences than the | rare early reports of the Commissioners unquestionably the best organized and conducted that has invaded the Hima1857 to 1870, when ardor for the beauties sentative forms of government, and moves swiftly—altogether too swiftly—to the turlayas, was of incalculable value. The of nature newly rediscovered had not upper basin of the Baltoro glacier and been dampened by Tweed politics. Here the whole of the Godwin-Austen glacier they are, bound in two fat volumes, and the mountain chains that enclose generous with prints, maps, plans, them were surveyed, and the height of views, and with photographs neatly Broad Peak was determined to be 27,133 pasted in, evidently by hand. Some of feet. Dr. T. G. Longstaff previously, the scenes, as for example that under but only a few days before, had measured the bridge, where a company of firemen cent., with Argentina much the largest Teram Kangri and found it to be 27,610 dragging an engine charge down a feet. It is now known that there are roadway crowded with sheep, wagons seven peaks in the Karakoram Him- and pedestrians, may possibly be inalayas more than 27,000 feet high, the ventions, but even these recall accuincreased from \$113,000,000 in 1900 to others being Everest, K-2, the two rately the dress and customs of forty

doubtful whether the summit of any The text is as discursively entertainone of them will ever be attained. De, ing as are the pictures. The Commissioners were not merely charged with the improvement and care of the park, suitability of our implements to the needs of the country, and to the intelligent all the country, and to the needs of the country and to the needs of the needs of the country and the needs of the ne The difficulties of the ice and the rock are in most suburban. The reports are stored with my application papers aimost ready to file facturers, an example that should be places so great that not even European alpine information on all subjects from the followed by those in other lines. In porters could carry up a load without the help of antiquities of the town to landscape fact, a large part of our Argentine busi- fixed ropes. This prevents the establishment of gardening, music, popular sports or highway construction among the Romans. The contributions of ANDREW H. GREEN are the most delightful. He evidently felt subconsciously that the park was his and that the people who visited it were his guests. He is eloquent over the animals, which he points out and describes. These noble white swans were presented by the Worshipful Company of Vintners, London; these, by the Senate of Hamburg. You are invited to hear the music in summer, and he would remind you that the skating season with us is short, generally comprised within a period commencing about Christmas and ending with the

month of February. The announcement that the ice is in condition for skating, he adds warningly often takes the city by surprise; but when it does come the glassy surface of the lake has attractions for such large numbers that it may be said to interest the whole people. "The exhilarating atmosphere, the throng of friends and strangers, the music of the gliding two adjacent sides metal as it sounds along the expanse of ce, the thousand little incidents and accidents, and the general excitement among actors and lookers on, all combinetomake skating the popular amusement of the season." Indeed, he is proud to say, a great impulse was given broughout the country to skating by the opening of Central Park, since when improvements in the manufacture of skates have brought these implements to

a much higher perfection than before. After exhausting the history of the half a block onward.

"Angostura" should get a new route books sport here and in England down to the time when, according to an ancient chronicler, "some tye bones to their feete" and, "shoving themselves by a little picked staffe, doe slide as swiftly as a birde flyeth," the good man declares that many eminent poets have written charmingly on skating. WORDSWORTH

refers to the art in the lines: "All shod with steel We hissed along the polished ice in games Confederate, imitative of the chase

By the way, the idea that great space is required for skating is now dissipated. guide that the highest refinement of the

There is a reminder of the reigns of the Amaraths and ABDUL HAMID in the charges of torture made in the Turkish Parliament against the Government. The Opposition, basing its allegations upon what appear to be trustworthy sources asserts that witnesses were subjected to "All the mountaineers I have mot who have cruelty in an endeavor to force incrimi-

being able to do any very high climbs in the Bey. Similar charges are also made

much experience practically give up hopes of nating evidence against Dr. RIZA NUR

ament of Macedonia and Albania. In regard to the latter charge it was refused an inquiry, but HAKKI Pasha, denying that torture had been resorted consented finally to an investigation. The Western horror of torture, it has been said, does not exist in the Oriental mind. To go on was merely to court the dis- This action of the Opposition may then cate that the Opposition is endeavoring to force those who make the laws to obey them strictly, an equally valuable reform to the country.

> For its Museum of Fine Arts, as for many other of its characteristic institutions, Boston is indebted to the initiative State of Massachusetts are represented has ever received from State or city was the gift of the land on which the old museum stood, which has now been sold, It is natural, therefore, that Presiden

GARDINER MARTIN LANE in his annual "although slow, may keep tolerably report, while showing a very satisfactory steady, even in soft, deep snow and on state of affairs, should ask for greater side of the museum. In spite of additional Trinity Church expense on account of the new building and the cost of installation, the deficit our opera house a more comprehensive climbers. The way is far and the sport last year was only about \$1,500. The in 50, and my sister and I used to go in the were crowned by success, would be creased very much, 1,498 persons con-These operas and this fashion of inter- glorious. No Swiss guides are needed. tributing \$43,849.50 in 1910; on the other preting them have become an essential The Duke of the ABRUZZI took out seven hand the income from investments will of the progenitors of the Fish family, has preting them have become an essential the Duke of the ABRUZI took of set we decrease materially, as the capital was a monument. Captain Fish received his feature of our opera house without the choice men from Courmayeur, but we impaired on account of the new building. impaired on account of the new building.

\$105,000 a year at the very least. Yearly lost undoubtedly a much saner and more always good humored, "possess all the reasonable artistic method than the inmuseum is to buy works of art it must keep up their annual subscriptions and to ing. if it does not answer his appeal.

A Republican View.

From the Elmira Advertiser Edward M. Shepard of Brooklyn is sup ported by twenty-five bolters who left caucus and who are much more rity of the Democratic party. The Adrtiser has no faith in men who consider themselves, or who are considered by other blind followers, as better than their party. The whole scheme of the school of politics wherein this absurdity is taught and proand personal character for party respontendency to react to a dictatorship.

The sooner the people of the United States of both parties get away from the recent insurgent tendency toward minority rule and return to the sound principle of majority rule the better it will be for all.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have about idea of a life saving method adapted expressly to the airship or aeroplane. When properly ad-

I am perfectly satisfied that I can take my model yould hardly believe the time and cost and worry I have had over this invention in preparing drawings, pen pictures, models, &c., that the Govern ment demands. GEORGE W. WILLIAMS. SANFORD, Fia., January 18.

"Robbing Peter to Pay Paul,

From the London Chronicle.
That proverb "robbing Peter to pay se from the way in which the Dean of West ninster was treated at the time of the Reformahad been an independe dignitary, but as Dean he was placed under the authority of a specially created Bishop of West.

In those days the iron fence on Fulton minster. This diocese after existing for ten years street around St. Paul's churchyard was was merged in the See of London, and many of covered with sheets of songs, published, I the domains of St. Peter's Abbey passed into think, by McLoughlin, fastened by wooden the hands of the Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedra!, thus giving rise to the now familiar saying.
"It was by a hard struggle," writes Dean Stanley,
"that the Abbey was saved in those tempestuous times. Its dependency of the priory of St. Mar-tin's-le-Grand was torn to pieces, and its outlying domains to the east of Westmiaster were, it is said, sacrificed to the Protector Somerset to induce him to forbear from pulling down the Abbey

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. Why spot the whole interesting subject of "Triangular Din ners" by the introduction of a "sour baby" that bespeak the ineffable concell of the bachelor anyway, the crotchety self-established censorship of him of "the lone trail"

Moreover, what has "G." got to kick about if, as he says, the "young couple sat on adjacent sides of the dinner table" and left him the other Think, too, of the alternative of dining in "gen solitude at his club," presumably in Ampere! My soul! The thing is appalling to condate.

OTHER SIDE.

NEW YORK, January 20.

Headquarters of Colonel Jim Gray. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: And s Angostura," desiring to correct "Irate," speak f Colonel Jim Gray of the Albemarlet Shade the Amen Corner, look down upon us! True. in his flitting northward he hesitated for a space at that ancient and honorable oasis, but for many months the hand which up to this time has not lost its cunning has constructed the old fashioned thiskey cocktail and the other cheering draughts

Northward the course of Colonel Jim takes its way, as who should say, calmly, deliberately a cits the art of proper mixing.
PHILADELPHIA. January 20.

A Kansas Rabbit Hunt. From the Topeka Capital.

tricts near Kiro held a match rabbit hunt Mond Four hundred and two rabbits were killed, 242 by he Mud Valley hunters and 160 by the Pleasant

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—SET: When one reads in Mr. Ewing's letter in to day's SUN that "the fact is undoubted" that Europeans and Asiatics call us of the United States "Americans, and "without a single protest," one wonder whether the writer has ever travelled. R.W. NEW YORK, January 20.

Hat Wearing in the Palmetto State. From the Summerville News. When you see a Summerville girl with a hat o you may know she is either bound for Charleston

Kentucky Suburban News.

Charles Click of Devil's Fork is on the mend.

OLDER MANHATTAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I first ent to School in old Morrisania in a wooden building at Seventh street and Third avenue, now 169th street and Third avenue, where that strong measures were necessary and brook ran in front of the building, and if from the windows; but there was no salmon or sturgeon in the waters. Amo school companions were Judge Among my Hall, Gouverneur Morris and Jordan L. Mott the younger). The only way to get to Harlem was by the old Harlem Railroad or a stage which ran down the old Boston

road three times a week. The Harlem trains were drawn by loco motive down to Centre and White streets with stops at Twenty-sixth street, Bowery and Houston street, and Broome street and Bowery, the old Westchester House, now the Occidental Hotel. I remember being on the train the morning after the The train had to stop at Burdell murder. Fourth street on account of the crowd I well remember Taylor's saloon at Broad-way and Franklin stree! I think the build-ing is still standing. A friend of my father

took me to dine and I sat by the railing in the centre, where from a large circular tain played. After the dinner I was taken to the Crystal Palace, in the centre of which stood the statue of Washington now stand ing in Union Square. I well remember the excitement which was raised when the first residence on I nion Square was given over Speaking of the song and other fakers

around City Hall Park, do any of the "kids remember the old telescope man and the fellow with a battery trying to induce the bler of water? On the day of the Prince of Wales's arrival in 1860 I stood just above rather steep slopes, the only symptom contributions of money. The report deals Bowling Green and the crowd was so dense they carried me off of my feet almost to In regard to the Marble Cemetery: I

lived in Second street, near Second evenue cemetery and help old Peter, the caretaker, train up the shrubbery. Stephen Allen, one of our former Mayors, is buried there, and The cost of running the museum is a ship in midocean when all the others were

down to the City Hall to record a paper have a good deal more money. So Presi- When coming out of the Hall I saw a crowd dent Lane calls on good Bostonians to of people rushing toward the Tribune Build-I could not get very near so I induced give more, and Boston will belie its past a man to lift me up so I could read the bulletin, and then I saw those tragic words To one ream Cooper Union Journal, per which welded the Union loving people of our country into a solid mass under the guidance of our immortal Lincoln for its To one ac perpetuation; and now North, South and the whole United States say: Thank God it was

I remember once going down into Oliver Hitchcock's and seeing Horace Greeley there at one of the old wooden tables, where even the immaculate Whitelaw Reid did not hesitate to go in those days.

Mr. A. Oppenheimer is right about the Fisher's and Bird's. 1 knew the Fisher and Bird boys pretty well; but I think there was another cemetery a block further up with a stone wall around it. I do not remember the police carrying muskets marching to suppress the draft riots. I stood almost directly in front of Lincoln Hall, at Allen and Houston streets, when the rioters attacked the building, enraged at the name of Lincoln remains. A very large man split the panels gave way a cry of "police" was given and a large body of police, headed by John A Kennedy, marched down First avenue. The crowd scattered, but the police did not chase C. Eighty-fourth Regiment, N. Y. S. M., Colonel Frederick A. Conkling, brother of Rosjusted and thoroughly understood it will to the coe Conkling, the only company of militia in very best of my knowledge and belief save 80 per the city, all the regiments having gone away cent of life and property in all wrecks over land for thirty days. The next day we were coe Conkling, the only company of militia in and sea. Where there is complete loss of control ordered under arms and marched down to of the machine and a dash to the earth is unavoid- the old arsenal at Centre and White streets able, it is there that my life preserver masters the where we remained until the regiments resituation and proves its uttermost capacity for turned three days later. To the police is due all the honor of putting down that riot. and right royally under Acton and Kennedy

In the '60s TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN- Sir: 1 saw

the Prince of Wales pass up Broadway in an open barouche, my father standing on Murray street and holding me on his shoulder. I think that it was a year earlier. saw the Japanese Embassy including Little Tommy, pass up Broadway. I being on the balcony of Barnum's Museum, under the care of Granville Per-

clothespins to long strings. There were Brown's John Avengers," "Marching Along," "Just Before the Battle, Mother," "Ever of Thee," "Nellie Gray," and as the war advanced "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching," Year o' Jubilee" and many others inspired the spirit of the time. In City Hall coldiers and about 1865 I was taken by my father to Battery Park to see an encamp ment of Confederate prisoners, unkempt and ragged. Only the other day I unearthed among some old relics a brass arm button with the palmetto and the letters (South Carolina), one of half a dozen which my father bought from prisoners. with it was a piece of a cast iron step of the Broadway bridge.

I dare not start to tell of the wonders o Barnum's Museum, but my first or second visit to a theatre was to the Concert Hall inder the care and guidance of Artemus Ward: 1 know now that the play was "Fanchon," probably with Maggie Mitchell, though all that I remember of it was the chicken flying in. On this occasion I was regaled with a lunch at one of the many basement restaurants like Crook & Duff's about Nassau and Fulton streets, frequented by newspaper men and artists.

I saw much of Broadway as a small boy from the fifth floor of the building still standing on the southwest corner of ton street, then a high and very fine office building, but without the present mansard roof, and of course with no elevators: I still remember my father's story of the burning of Barnum's, diagonally opposite, the statue of St. Paul covered with wet cloth, and the the window feet first into the crawd below How the buses charged down Fulton street and swung into the swift stream of traffi on Broadway The Pleasant Ridge and Mud Valley school dis

What boy of the time does not remember with pleasure the Ravels, Gabriel, Antoine and François, and Young America, the Ridge hunters.

An oyster supper will be served by the losing team to all who partook in the hunt and their families. The supper will be served Friday night at other pantomimes that have never been equalled since.

Mr. first visits to the new Central Park, the little green

about 1880, were made in the little green cars illustrated in THE SUN the other Sun-I can remember how the bodies turned on the trucks when the end of the route was reached at Broadway, and after wearing ship they started uptown. On the after the war, including the "war" on Staten northwest corner of Broadway and Canal street was the San Francisco cigar store but as a very small boy just able to read I never could remember whether it was San Francisco or Fran Sancisco. One of the great events of the middle '60s was the marriage in St. Paul's Church of the famous dwarfs Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren. engineered by that prince of advertisers T. Barnum.

majestic figureheads and massive bowsprite of great sailing vessels overhanging the roadways, and the jibbooms nearly in the windows of the sail lofts and shipping offices on the west side of the street. From the yards hung big canvas signs announcing the sailing, while the street was placarded with big posters of the Sutton and other at least, delightful in their suggestion of the

sea and the unknown lands beyond it.

Truly the little old New York that ended with Twenty-third street was a pleasant town, and I for one would like to revisit it.

W. P. STEPRENS. BATONNE, N. J., January 21.

The Cooper Union Journal. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

Oppenheimer mentions Professor Frobisher nd the old Cooper Union literary class over which he presided on Saturday evenings was a member of the class and editor of ts journal-composed of epistolary conributions which I, a "kid" of 19 years, ha: nerve to read and criticise at each meeting The literary class was the residuum of the famous Cooper Union debating society that used to meet on Saturday evenings, and was such an interesting assembly that many spectators (among them the present General Vingate) came from distant listen to the essays, orations and debates.

It was organized in 1860, the nucleus being the Columbian Literary Union that had had ts own nucleus in West Seventeenth street night school, of which Alexander Thain and yself were members. It flourished until the fall of 1863, when owing to war within its circle the trustees of the institute disbanded it and made the literary class its substitute, the stipulation for membership being that an applicant should belong to one of the regular evening classes. I was one of the mathematical class, and by good luck (for mathematics was nearer to my taste) got a parchment testifying to my having passed a successful examination in geometry, signed by Peter Cooper and now in my possession

Now the Cooper Union Journal was my hobby, as I had the scribbling itch bad, so had that on the evening of October 29, 1864, I "delivered a lecture" (read a long (read a long paper on no less a subject than English tinued to attend the Mechanics Institute compositions, a ticket for which (all tickets were complimentary) is in my scrapbook with J. N. McElligott as principal. This even unto this day. But to get back to the Cooper Union Journal. Perhaps Mr. Oppenheimer will remember that in May, 1864, In the year 1849 the dry goods district penheimer will remember that in May, 1864, we got together contributions and adverpublished. We really did. A copy is before me as I write, and Mr. Oppenheimer can see it too if he will hunt me up. James Craft, job printer, 29 Ann street, did the the entire front from Chambers to Reade printing. His bill is before me

agreement. To two extra pages nonparell iditional ream To cost of paper

English Friend," and in 1868 an article en- finances. Warden resided in Paris and purtitled "The Giant's Causeway." Further chased the French goods, while K than this I remember nothing of the days sided over the retail department. of the literary class. Frobisher was a way was paved with round cobblestones professor of elecution. Few of the names and Stewart had them taken up in front of of members dwell with me. Robert Sharpe, his store and replaced with square stone now with the carpet house of Sloane, is one, blocks, which soon wore very smooth. Alexander Thain is another. D. T. Gard-ner and J. T. Verdin were the last editors Reformed Church, corner Nassau and Lib-

that I remember. November 26 for literary exercises and a early party, but seven was the largest number at the corner of Cortlandt street and Broadever assembled, and that was only way. once. It finally got down to an "old guard" JOHN BYERS. 13 Astor place, city BROOKLYN, January 20.

Old Stroh and 44.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir When and older, why, I am only a "kid" of the old your columns of recollections of old New readers of The Sun there must be some who can remember the old straw man with his Seventeenth ward, but among the many call of "stroh, stroh, fresh stroh," calling upon the thrifty housewives to buy his clean white straw to fill their mattresses. The old man with his big straw hat and long Colfax was one of the pupils about that time Eleventh and Seventeenth wards. He stabled his old white horse in Sixth street were Bill Poole, Charle near Avenue B. I well remember the old ramshackle stable; before backing his horse in the stall he blindfolded him. The reason he backed his horse in was that in case of fire he could get out quicker with him. Old Stroh slept in a loft over the stable and He himself died in Bellevue Hospital in

When the candle factory at First avenue and Fourth street burned down in 1864 1 can never forget how near I came to being run over when the firemen came down First avenue on the sidewalks with their machines, as the road was blocked by a herd of cattle going to the slaughter houses in Fifth street, where Public School 25 now stands. I can feel my back yet where "caught it" when as a boy I strayed out of the house of Live Oak Hose 44 in Houston street, up in the bailiwick of Enmy shirt. My legs alone saved my scalp What a joke on 44 when the city erected the large lamp post in Houston Street Square with the number 44 on top of each lamp, and Engine 7 boys put a tin 7 on top of each 44. Those were happy days and will never ome back. They are pleasant memories all right. "Old Times" writes about his carrying his basket home from the markets remember John W. Salter, who opened the first meat store in the city, corner of Allen and Stanton streets, and who market? In the early '70s he had his shop at Broadway and Nineteenth stree

OLD SEVENTEENTH WARD. NEW YORK, January 21

The Philadelphia Chronicler of Old New York.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 would say to "Forty-fiver" of Canandaigua, N. Y., that the engine he refers to did not near the City Hall. Jimmy Hayes was foreman of Marion No. 9, Old Rock, located at 47 Marion street, with the bell in the rear of the building. was located in the house formerly used by Metamora No. 3, disbandeu. I mention all this in my forthcoming book. I give the name and location of every fire com pany in New York, when disbanded, with names of the foremen.

I will say to "Forrest Three" that Mrs. W. G. Jones died June 13, 1907. Fanny Herring died May 18, 1908. J. B. Studley died a short time ago. Joseph Winter is still alive and so is J. J. McCloskey. Sid France was not the comedian at the old Bowery Theatre, it was George France, and E. W. Marston. "Ex-Countryman" will find all the Dew Drop Inns and halls mentioned in my book, with a review of all the theatres and happenings before and

Island over the quarantine riot. FRANK DUMONT. PHILADELPHIA, January 21. A Skating Pond.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Going little further uptown in the '60s surely few old Nineteenth warders remember McMillan's skating pond on the block Madison to Fifth avenue, Forty-sixth to What a sight on South street were the Forty-seventh street. It was here that

the "elite" of New York would assemble on clear frosty nights and to the inpairing stratus of a full stringed band would go through all the intricate figures of the quadrille and Dodworth's lancers. pond was surrounded by a high picket

fence. Further up, at Fiftieth street and Madison avenue, stood the old frame church of St. John the Evangelist, and further back to the west was its quaint rectory which resembled a roundhouse. Down on Fourth avenue stood a row of sheds where the men employed on the cathedral cut the block of marble. I distinctly remember the ozen hauling the large blocks from Fourth avenue and Fiftieth street up to Fifth avenue FRANK J. HUGHES.

NEW YORK, January 20. Lean Christmases.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Ms. A. Kirkman asks for confirmation of ble recollection that on Christmas fifty years years ago or so the Protestant churches, excepting the Episcopalian, were closed, and the public schools open. In regard to the schools my memory does not serve me, but I recall very distinctly that no services were held on that day in the Presbyterian and other churches, and that the most of us dildren received our presents on New Year's Day. Only a few days ago I told my family about this condition, and they debates. changed. The prejudice against Christma under the Puritans of the Commonwealth is well known. The feeling against any Christmas religious ceremony still exists in Scotland among certain of the Presbyte-

> BROOKLYN, January 21. In the '40s

rians.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: From

1839 to 1843 I lived in New York city, two years on Twenty-first street near Eighth avenue and the rest of the time at Thirtyourth street and Ninth avenue, opposite the location of the new Pennsylvania Railroad station. From this point one could have an uninterrupted view to-ward the Hudson River, and market gardens occupied a large portion of the sur-rounding country. After moving to Jersey City in 1843 (where I lived until 1860) I con School on Crosby street, near Howard,

revolved around the corner of Maiden lane street and along Chambers street to Bur ton's Theatre. One obstinate owner, how-\$46.50 ever, interfered with the Chambers street 400 project by refusing to sell about twenty-600 five feet, and Stewart built around and be-1200 youd him, eventually filling the gap by patiently waiting. I clerked at both lo-calities. Stewart was a very cold blooded Stewart was a very cold blooded I think a journal was published once a man. I saw him discharge a clerk who had year for a few years following. I left the been with him nine years for some trivial class in 1866, but contributed an article to matter. The firm was Stewart, Burrows, the publication that year entitled "To My Warden & King. Burrows attended to the Further chased the French goods, while King pre-

The post office occupied the old Dutch erty streets, and the clerks were the letter Now for something more. Many of the carriers. Castle Garden was used as an members of the Cooper Union debating auditorium, and I heard Jenny Lind sing there society did not join the literary class. In under Barnum's direction. Tickets for this November, 1864, a few of them got together concert were sold for \$1 at the Atlantic and formed the Peter Cooper Association. Gardens on Broadway near the Battery, and a last man club, to meet once a year on 10,000 people were present. This was in the '50s. The most notable building at Fourteen persons composed the that date was an iron and glass structure

I remember being present at the trial of of four, after the death of Alfred E. Parks Edwin Forrest for his assault with a cowhide and Richard L. Dugdale, and sine die was upon N. P. Willis in front of the Astor House called in 1877 at the meeting held in the O. Connor for plaintiff and John Van Buren Union Hotel, Fourth avenue. As for defendant. He was sued for \$2,500 damsecretary I have the literary papers and ages. Forrest claiming that Willis had been records of this organization and will be glad too intimate with his wife. The actor reto talk about them to interested folks at marked, subsequent to his defeat, that he would willingly pay the sum assessed for the privilege of repeating the thrashing.

DENVER, Col., January 19. Public Schools.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In York I thought I was the only one to spea-Old Man Patterson with was principal. his Scotch dialect followed Hart. Poole, Charley Lovier so was George Melville, now an Admiral in many other representative men of that class I distinctly remember Southerland. I got a letter from him when he was a very old member Ben Whitney, the orator of the school? I used to take part in the yearly exhibitions. Why do not the old scholars meet yearly to talk over old recollections

would like to be present on st NEW YORK, January 20.

The Japanese Embassy.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Many f your Old New York correspondents have ecalled the visit of the Prince of Wales in vantage ground of a stand erected in from f the New York Hospital, at that time located at Broadway near what is now Worth street. If any of the old New Yorkers has mentioned the visit of the Japanese Embassy to our shores a few years late made much of and a parade was given for them among other attentions. One of them became very popular on account of his genniality, Ac., and was affectionately called fommy the Japanese by our younger folk. They were well entertained wherever t went. A company of performing Japanese ments were crowded. Little All Right was he idol of that troupe

BROOKLYN, January 21. The Grecian Bend.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I am able to give you a portion of the words and the refrain of "The Grecian Bend" song for the edification of your correspondents Horace Lingard in 1868 or 1869 at the Theatre Comique, I believe, although I heard him sing it when a child, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. He was a lightning change It was:

The Grecian bend which I now show You must admit is all the go. With the head bent forward and the body you To perfect the Grecian bend.

'Twas raining hard the other day Which put me in a rage.

The driver too said. "Really, miss. And he actually charged me extra On account of my Grecian bend (Spoken)
I wouldn't have minded that so much only

there sat Ann Jenkins. She began to laugh She lives next door to me. She has been practis ing the Grecian bend for three weeks, and she She is jealous of me because I stole her young man away. A young man had the audacity to tell me that the Greelan bend was nothing more or less than the spasmodic move ment of the third rib in connection with the left gentlemen, that-Refrain.)

The Grecian bend which I now show. You must admit is all the go.
With the head bent forward and the body you extend.

To perfect the Grecian bend.

NEW YORK, January 20.